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Chapter II
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held its third session from 25 March to 5 April 2002, as recommended in its decision 2001/PC/1. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___) and a number of informal meetings.

2. At the 1st meeting, on 25 March, the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, Emil Salim (Indonesia), opened the session and made an opening statement.

3. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the Summit and Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.

4. Also at the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee approved the accreditation of the following intergovernmental organizations as observers: Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur, Common Fund for Commodities, Interstate Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States on Promotion of Knowledge and Adult Education, Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, Sahara and Sahel Observatory, and South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 27 March, the Vice-President of Uganda and Co-Chair of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Round Table on Integrated Land and Water Management for Food and Environmental Security, Speciosa Kandira Kazibwe, addressed the Commission acting as the preparatory committee.

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6. At the 3rd meeting, on 28 March, the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, David Anderson (Canada), made an oral report to the Commission acting as the preparatory committee. Presentations were also made by Jan Pronk, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the Summit, Zepherin Diabre, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, and Herbert Acquay, GEF Team Leader for Land and Water Resources.

B. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 1st meeting, on 25 March, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.199/PC/1 and approved its organization of work. The agenda read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Consideration of the Chairman's paper transmitted from the second session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, together with other relevant inputs to the preparatory process.
3. Other matters.
4. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its third session.

8. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee acting as the preparatory committee that the following arrangements have been made regarding the distribution of tasks among the Vice-Chairmen: Working Group I, Co-Chairs: Kyotaka Akasaka (Japan), Maria Luiza Viotti (Brazil); Working Group II, Co-Chairs: Richard Ballhorn (Canada), Ihab Gamaleldin (Egypt); Working Group III, Co-Chairs: Lars-Göran Engfeldt (Sweden), Ositadimna Anaedu (Nigeria). Co-Chairs Jan Kara (Czech Republic) and Dianne Quarless (Jamaica) will act as facilitators of type 2 initiatives, and Alexandru Niculescu (Romania) will be responsible for special assignments and will organize contact groups on behalf of the Chairman.

9. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Indonesia informed the Commission acting as the preparatory committee that its fourth session would be held in Bali, Indonesia.

C. Attendance

[To be completed]

D. Documentation

10. The list of documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee is contained in the annex.

Annex

List of documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee at its third session

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
A/CONF.199/PC/1	1	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.199/PC/1/Add.1	1	Proposed organization of work
A/CONF.199/PC/2	2	Report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its second session
A/CONF.199/PC/3	2	Note by the Secretary-General on international environmental governance
A/CONF.199/PC/4	2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of a meeting of national focal points on improving future national reporting to the Commission
A/CONF.199/PC/5	2	Letter dated 14 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee
A/CONF.199/PC/6 and Add.1	1	Note by the Secretary-General on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/7	2	Letter dated 15 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Cape Verde to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
A/CONF.199/PC/8	2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial declaration and message from the United Nations Forum on Forests to the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/9	2	Note by the Secretariat on the contribution of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Summit

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A/CONF.199/PC/10	2	Note by the Secretariat on the participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee
A/CONF.199/PC/11	2	Letter dated 28 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of February 2002 to the Secretary-General of the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/12	1	Letter dated 25 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
A/CONF.199/PC/L.1	2	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the Chairman's paper
A/CONF.199/PC/Misc.1	2	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Alliance of Small Island States Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/CRP.1		Programme of meetings and activities for the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee